THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) K.E.M. Hospital, Bombay presented a Bill of Entry on 27-6-86 at the Air Cargo Complex, Sahar Airport, for clearing an import consignment of Hepatitis Test Kits. The importers were required to produce a Test Licence under Rule 33 of the Drugs & cosmetics Rules by the Drugs Control Authorities on 28-6-86. The Drugs Control Authorities ordered the release of the consignment on 8-7-86 after the importers had given an undertaking before them to produce the Test Licence in due course. The Bill of Entry was thereafter presented to the Customs for clearing the goods on 9-7-86 and the consignment was cleared by the Customs on the same day.

Staff involved in Bank Frauds

1357. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of officers and staff of the nationalised banks and other public financial institutions found to be indulging in corrupt practices, including fraud during the last one year; and

(b) what are the details of the action taken against them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI). (a) and (b) According to Reserve Bank of India, the total number of bank employees involved in cases of frauds and corrupt practices and the action taken against them to the extent reported by public sector banks, for the years 1985 and 1986 (upto 31-3-86) is as given below:—

FRAUDS

	1985	1986 (upto 31-3-86)
(i) No. of employees convicted on charges o ffrauds	30	5
(ii) No. of employees given major/minor penalties	686	105
(iii) No. of employees out of (ii) above dismissed/dicharged/removed	236	66
(iv) No. of employees against whom prosecution is pending in Court	335	345
(v) No. of employees against whom departmental proceedings are pending	717	653
CORRUPT PRACTICES		
(i) No. of employees convicted on charges of corrupt practice	4	2
(ii. No. of employees given major/minor penalties	387	90
(iii) No. of employees out of (ii) above dismissed/discharged/removed	108	28
(iv) No. of employees against whom prosecution is pending in Court	95	96
(v) No. of employees against whom departmental proceedings are pending (Data provisional)	529	436

In so far as other public financial institutions are concerned, the information is not readily available.